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State Data Back-up in a  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2005**

**Mail Stop Amendment**

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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of September 19, 2005, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.